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CAMPUS CONNECTION

For the employees of Andrews University

January 2007

ADMINISTRATION

Save the Date—Board Banquet

The traditional Faculty/Staff/Board Banquet is going back to Sunday night this year. The planning committee wants you to put the date of **March 4** on your calendar now, and look forward to a night of good food and light entertainment.

The evening will be in split venues this year, with the entertainment and awards presentations held in the Howard Center, and the dinner held in the Terrace Café.

According to Scott Moncrieff, chair of this year's planning committee, "There will be some light hors d'oeuvres, served by our Andrews Ambassadors, in the Howard Lobby to begin the evening's celebratory atmosphere. Dinner will be served in the Terrace Café to allow better traffic flow and create a festive ambience as friends and colleagues are seated at tables."

Legacy of Freedom: MLK Celebration



At the special MLK convocation on Monday, Jan. 15, several individuals were recognized for their contributions to the continuation of Martin Luther King's legacy. The convocation featured the presentations of the second annual Freedom Awards to four community members whose efforts actively further the cause of freedom. Edward Wood III, director of communications at the Michigan Department of Management and Budget, grew up in the Andrews community and has been recognized for his leadership by United Way, Goodwill Industries, the City of Benton Harbor and multiple state agencies that help in development for under-resourced communities.

Sherry Collins, a 1968 graduate of Andrews University and retired educator, was recognized for her dynamic, innovative and successful work in the challenging urban schools in

Benton Harbor, including the Gifted/Talented Magnet Academy. She also continued her work as an educator after retirement by teaching at Grand Valley State University.

C. Willard "Knobby" Mauro, a 1948 graduate of Andrews University and a WWII veteran, was honored for his uncompromising dedication to service, his history of responsibility and work in the community. A retired high school principal, he integrated his work as an educator with his volunteer service to his community through the Optimists Club, finding resources for recreational facilities for the community, personal financial assistance to students, as well as opening his home to provide room and board to international students studying at Andrews.

Patricia B. Mutch was honored for her professional contribution to research on substance abuse and for her commitment to personal and institutional growth on issues of equality among the faculty and staff of Andrews University. Her persistent refusal to submit to fears associated with expansive diversity, inclusion and multiculturalism have helped poise Andrews University for its current standing as the 14th most diverse national university.

Israel Kafeero, a doctoral student in religious education, was awarded a cash prize as winner of the first-annual research poster contest. His topic was "Triple Quandry, Racial Socialization, and the Dream: A Critical Ethnographic Study on Parenting among Families in Benton Harbor City."



First Stop for Second Semester

Nearly 30 transfer students stopped by the Student Success Center January 8 & 9 as they began their academic experience at Andrews University. Andrea Richardson from Student Success made sure that most of the resources required for a smooth transition were available for students in this one stop—verification of advisor assignment, academic bulletins, student planners, campus maps, and a cup of hot chocolate.

"First Stop has been an important part of a smooth transition for new students at the beginning of fall semester," Andrea explained. "We realized that those students starting their experience at Andrews at second semester were being under served, and we resolved to do something about it!"

Abigail Sikora says, "Starting college second semester was probably not one of the brightest decisions I have ever made, but this I do know: Andrews University has a great plan in action to help the helpless like me on those first days. First stop was truly a blessing. I was able to get all the information

I needed. And boy, it seems like I ended up there more than I was in classes those first couple of days. However, First Stop provided me with the resources and tools (transitions from high school, differences, expectations etc) that have prepared me for this Spring semester. I feel very confident about school because of the dedication and help that the staff at First Stop provided."

Student Placement Services

In 2004, student career counseling and placement assistance was decentralized and the responsibilities assimilated into two separate existing offices on campus. The Counseling and Testing Center in Bell Hall became the resource center to help students decide on a career through interest inventory tests and follow-up counseling, while the Student Success Center assists with placement services, as students become ready to enter their chosen career and find employment.

Andrea Richardson is the coordinator of placement services and reports, "I am thrilled to tell you that we have been given the green light to purchase an awesome placement services program through College Central Network. Students will be able to place their resumés online, giving employers the opportunity to search our resumé bank. It will also provide a place where students and Andrews alumni can check for job openings. We hope to have the network up and running in February."

Andrea also coordinates on-campus career fairs. Following is an outline of their annual calendar of career events:

- In August, an on-campus employment fair is held on Student Success day during New Student Orientation week. This provides an opportunity for students to find a part-time job on campus while studying.
- In October and November, Loma Linda University School of Dentistry and School of Medicine representatives come to campus to conduct interviews for Dental and Medical School. In the spring, around March, Loma Linda School of Medicine returns for further interviews.
- Adventist youth camp recruiters come in January to recruit students for summer employment.
- The Health Careers Job Fair is held at the Howard Performing Arts Center at the end of January (Jan. 29, 2007). More than 40 different health care institutions participate and they are anxious to recruit students from our six allied health departments.
- New this year in March, placement services is collaborating with the Seminary to help kick-off the first Seminary Ministry Fair.
- Throughout the year individual recruiters, such as Vector Marketing and Kaplan, come to campus to recruit.

"We are always here to assist students with their resumes, cover letters, and interview skills," concludes Andrea. "We invite the campus to pass along suggestions of employers who might wish to participate in future career fairs and to encourage our students to take advantage of these great opportunities."

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

The World is our Classroom

Keith Mattingly, dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, recently compiled the following list of some of the study tours available for our students over the next few months:

- Wind Symphony tour to Switzerland and Southern France, March 15–25.
Contact Alan Mitchell, director, at alanm@andrews.edu.
- Italy Tour, May 4–June 6, with art instructor Stefanie Elkins. Credit available in art history, archaeology, and photography. Contact: selkins@andrews.edu.
- History & Political Science Department tour to Greece, May 7–21, with Jane Sabes, professor of political science. Six hours of credit available.
Contact: sabesja@andrews.edu.
- Spain and Italy Tour, May 7–28, with chair of International Language Studies, Pedro Navia.
Contact: navia@andrews.edu.
- Intermediate and advanced French language students tour to France, Belgium and Switzerland, May 7–28. Up to six credits available in upper division courses. Contact Sarah Fusté, French instructor, at smt@andrews.edu.
- Digging in Jordan, June 12–July 24. Students can earn credit while participating in the world-famous Madaba Plains archaeological expedition near Amman, Jordan.
Contact Oystein LaBianca at labianca@andrews.edu, or visit www.madabaplains.org/hesban/getinvolved.

Happy Birthday to the Scottish Bard

Bagpipes wailed and toasts rang out "to the haggis!" (vegetarian, of course) at the Burns Supper on Saturday night, January 20, in the Whirlpool Room. Members of the English Honors Society, Nu Sigma, were celebrating the birthday of Scottish poet Robert Burns in traditional style.

The menu for a traditional Burns Supper includes haggis—a "pie" made of various animal organs and grains (which made everyone glad the recipe was converted to a vegetarian facsimile), roasted potatoes and turnips, peas and scones.

Brian Dodge, engineering major, plays with the Midlothian Pipe Band in Chicago and shared his talents by playing traditional and contemporary jigs, in addition to piping in the haggis. Scott Moncrieff and sons accompanied Katie Lechler and Asta LaBianca in the singing of Scottish folk songs. Meredith Jones Gray and Bruce Closser recited poems.



Robert Burns was born January 25, 1759 and died in 1796. He is widely known as Scotland's national poet. Likely his best-known poem, which was set to music, is *Auld Lang Syne*, sung around the world on New Year's Eve.

ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

Andrews Ambassadors

Maybe you've seen them in their black polo shirts giving a campus tour to prospective students. Or perhaps you served food with them at a freshman welcome event. But you may not have realized these energetic, always-smiling students are an organized team called Andrews Ambassadors! They are a select group of 34 students who have gone through a rigorous application and training process by their coach, Shelly Erhard, guest relations coordinator for Enrollment Management. (Meet them at www.andrews.edu/future/interact/ambassadors/)

Ambassadors are especially busy on University Preview Weekends when high school students come to campus. Ambassadors actually have visitors stay in their dorm rooms, plan Sabbath events, and staff the various activities.

"Being an Andrews Ambassador gives me the opportunity to show prospective students the side of Andrews that is often overlooked at first glance. The people and atmosphere surrounding Andrews are the #1 reason to be here, but it can't be expressed in a magazine or webpage. Andrews Ambassadors can share that experience," says John Ramsey, sophomore elementary education major.

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

A Little Closer to a New Entrance for Andrews?

Drs. Andreasen and Faehner have been stepping up efforts to secure the funding for a new entrance to the campus in hopes of beginning construction in 2007. The plans for the new entrance have been under discussion for several years now, and the designs have been finalized (see drawings at www.andrews.edu/faculty/). The new entrance commences between College Avenue and Grove Street and will terminate just west of the Howard Center.

According to Faehner, the excavation, paving, lighting, landscape and new entrance signs will total more than \$2 million dollars. "Of course that's a lot of money, but we have friends of Andrews who generously give through student scholarships, faculty support, and physical enhancements to our campus," Faehner explains. "These friends tell us, and we agree, that we are overdue for a modest, yet representative entrance to our beautiful campus. Andrews has been on this spot for more than 100 years, and yet people drive by every day and have no idea where Andrews University is. We have been hiding our light under a bushel for too long."

HUMAN RESOURCES

University Senate discussion

An important issue, separating the current Andrews Faculty/Staff Senate into two separate entities, is now being discussed across campus. David Steen and David Nowack, who were part of an ad-hoc committee charged with studying the possibility of this change, are in the process of meeting with all staff, schools and departments across campus presenting the work of this group. To consider this issue more fully, it is important to remember how the current University Senate functions.

In many universities, the senate is a governing or advisory body designed to represent the interests and issues of the faculty. At Andrews University, this body also represents hourly and salaried staff. Members of the AU Faculty/Staff Senate serve as informed spokespersons to AU Administration and the Board of Trustees regarding matters of importance to faculty and staff. The Senate's intended purpose is neither confrontational nor conflicted. Rather, its origin and intent is primarily for the building of campus-wide democracy. The Senate offers review and comment on actions taken by the various committees on campus—be they of a personnel or academic nature. Senators are available to help with all campus concerns and welcome suggestions and recommendations by staff and faculty on AU policies and practices.

If you have any questions concerning how the current senate functions or the proposed change, feel free to contact any of your senators (www.andrews.edu/senate) or Senate Chair, Carey Carscallen, 471-6250, ccarey@andrews.edu.

United Way Campaign

Thanks to the generosity of the Andrews family, we contributed more than \$12,000 to this year's Southwest Michigan United Way Campaign. This is nearly \$2000 over last year's total. Oliver Davis, campaign chair, thanks the campus community for opening their hearts and wallets in this way to our community—and looks forward to an even-better campaign next year.

Chip Meekma, First Staff Employee of the Month

General Staff Meeting on Jan. 17 focused on resources available in our community that help employees with their resolutions to improve health habits. Gregg Morrow, director of aquatics, hosted the meeting and offered staff members the microfit health analysis at a reduced price.

The first Staff Employee of the Month award went to Chip Meekma, controller, who shared his experience of health improvements precipitated by alarming indicators uncovered at last summer's health screening.

Minutes from the staff meeting and the health resources handout are posted at www.andrews.edu/faculty/staffdev/.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Shout Out to Seminary Office Manager

Marilyn Bender, secretary in the Theology and Christian Philosophy Department of the Seminary, was disturbed by the amount of paper the Seminary sent to the dumpster—and decided to do something about it!

Marilyn worked out a simple recycling system for the building with the help of Steve Nash. Employees in the Seminary are encouraged to keep two containers at their desk—one for trash and the other for recyclable paper. Every other week an e-mail goes out to all office managers asking them to bring recyclables to the entrance of the building. Steve Nash loads it up and takes it to Gateway. The first run was August 2, 2006. Between August and Christmas break more than 150 bags and boxes full of shredded documents, non-sensitive documents, and knocked-down cardboard boxes have gone to Gateway for recycling.

We salute the initiative of Marilyn Bender and those participating in this effort for making our campus a little “greener!” Anyone wishing to do the same in their building can take recycling to Gateway, 201 Sylvester in Berrien Springs. They are open five days a week, but close early afternoon.

Also interesting to note is that the recycling service at Gateway was designed by School of Business students many years ago as a way to employ mentally challenged residents in the area.

PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

Gary Land, professor of history, recently published the following:

- (1) “Educating for Citizenship: Social Studies in Contemporary Education,” in the *Journal of Adventist Education* (October/November, 2006), 25–29.
- (2) with Gary Gray, “Baseball Literature for General Education,” in *Baseball in the Classroom: Teaching America's National Pastime*, ed., Edward J. Rielly (Jefferson, NC: McFarland, 2006), 113–25.
- (3) “Fathers and Sons, and the Rhythms of Baseball in Nonfiction Literature,” in *Baseball/Literature/Culture: Essays, 2004–2005*, ed. Peter Carino (Jefferson, NC: McFarland, 2006), 74–83.
- (4) “Miller, William” in *Encyclopedia of Religious Revivals in America*, vol. 1, ed. Michael McClymond (Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2007), 276–78.

The Department of Mathematics is proud to announce that **Shandelle M. Henson** has been appointed a senior editor of *Journal of Biological Dynamics*. She also serves as a senior editor of *Natural Resource Modeling*. The department also announced the publication of the following papers in 2006:

- “Optical frequency measurements of 6s 2S_{1/2}–6p 2P_{1/2} (D1) transitions in 133Cs and their impact on the fine-structure constant,” by V. Gerginov, K. Calkins, C. E. Tanner, J. J. McFerran, S. Diddams, A. Bartels, and L. Hollberg, appeared in *Physical Review A*, 73, 032504, (2006).
- “Experimental support of the scaling rule for demographic stochasticity,” by R. A. Desharnais, R. F. Costantino, J. M. Cushing, S. M. Henson, B. Dennis, and A. A. King, appeared in *Ecology Letters*, 9, 537–547 (2006).
- “Identifying environmental determinants of diurnal distribution in marine birds and mammals,” by S. M. Henson, J. L. Hayward, and S. P. Damania appeared in *Bulletin of Mathematical Biology*, 68, 467–482 (2006).

Laren Kurtz, head cashier for Financial Records, successfully defended his doctoral thesis in October and will receive his PhD in Biblical Hebrew Language and Literature from the Department of Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations at the University of Toronto in Ontario, Canada, June 2007.

LOOKING BACK

The war and the weather brought hard times to Berrien County in late January of 1918. A coal shortage, below zero temperatures, and drifts of snow rendered Berrien Springs a “shivering and near hungry village,” according to the *Journal Era* (31 Jan). Emmanuel Missionary College, with a comfortable supply of coal, offered to share but also closed school on Mondays and cancelled Sabbath services in the chapel for several weeks to aid in fuel conservation (*Student Movement*, 4 Feb).

The week of January 28, word came that the Pere Marquette train, which had been unable to reach Berrien Springs from Benton Harbor for 19 days because of 6-foot snow drifts across the tracks, could bring two cars of coal and a car of kerosene to town if the tracks could be cleared. Thirty-three young men from the college joined forty men from the village, traveling by sleigh in the morning to two miles north of Hinchman, where they began to shovel. The temperature was below zero. By 5:50 that evening, “the victory was complete” and the “P. M.” puffed into town with its precious cargo. The paper declared: “The villagers are particularly grateful to the college boys for their assistance. Though they were not in need themselves, they willingly volunteered their services.”

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